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## PROTEST NOT O. K.

ORDER IN COUNCIL CLEARLY LEGAL, SAYS BRITAIN, IN TWO NOTES.

## BLOCKADE POLICY HELD JUST

Changed Conditions of Warfare Require New Application of Principles—Alleged German Atrocities Call for Extreme Measures.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Washington, D. C.—Great Britain's replies to the latest American representations against interference with neutral commerce reject entirely the contention that the orders in council are illegal, and justify the British course as being wholly within international law.

"Unsustainable, either in point of law or upon principles of international equity," is the British reply to the American protest against the blockade of neutral ports, with an invitation to submit to international arbitration any cases in which the United States is dissatisfied with action of British prize courts.

Great Britain's reply, embodied in two notes, one supplemental, was made public here August 3 and in London simultaneously by agreement between the two governments. With the notes was made public also the correspondence over the American steamship route from Rotterdam to the United States with goods of German origin. All the correspondence aggregates 7,000 words.

Changed conditions of warfare, the British note contends, requires a new application of the principles of international law. The advent of the submarine, the airship and the alleged atrocities by German troops in Belgium are cited as justification for the exercise of extreme measures. The blockade is justified on the contention that the universally recognized fundamental principle of a blockade is that a belligerent is entitled to cut off "by effective means the seaborne commerce of his enemy."

## FLOODS AT ERIE CITY.

More than Score Meet Death—Property Loss Millions.

Erie, Pa.—Twenty-five lives lost, as estimated by the police, millions of dollars of property damage and the city in total darkness is the result of a cloudburst August 3 that culminated in a flood that inundated a large section of the city.

The heavy precipitation caused dams south of the city to burst, flooding the main business streets to a depth of five feet, and in some sections reaching to the second story windows of dwellings.

## German Army Slows Down.

London.—The stubborn resistance which the Russians are offering to the Austro-Germans, and the slowness with which the forces of the invaders were able to move during the first of the week has led to the belief in some quarters that the German supply of ammunition is beginning to feel the effect of the protracted struggle and that Russia may yet save the Polish capital. Previous experiences with German tactics, however, has been that a temporary slowing down was followed soon by greater efforts, and when Field Marshal von Mackensen has concluded his present operations in the southeast field, Marshal von Hindenburg, it is expected, will renew his heavy blows on the Narew front.

## Palestine Hit by War.

Philadelphia.—Fruit growers of Palestine stand to lose \$30,000,000 because of the European war, according to a letter received here from George Klat, general commissioner of commerce, with headquarters at Jaffa. The writer says the trees are dying for want of watering and for want of petroleum to spray them. The region has been visited by locusts and vegetation is ruined. The loss at Jaffa and its vicinity alone is estimated at \$30,000,000. The Ottoman government has seized every bit of petroleum on hand.

## Wage Increase for 7,000.

New York.—A wage increase to more than 7,000 employees of the Standard Oil company, of New Jersey, in its Bayonne and Jersey City, N. J., plants has been announced by George B. Gifford, general manager of the company.

Philadelphia.—A cablegram received today announces the seizure of the American schooner Laura C. Anderson by a British cruiser, which took her into Gibraltar. The schooner cleared from Newport News, Va., June 29, for Mellilla, Morocco, with a cargo of bituminous coal. The message received by the agents for the schooner contained no further information.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.—Capt. McLean, of the steamer Lakeland, reported running through a snowstorm on Lake Superior August 3.

## PLANS FOR MEXICO

WILSON MAY MAKE MADERO MAN CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF TROUBLED REPUBLIC.

## MAY UNITE ALL FACTIONS

Outlines of Proposed Arrangements Calculated to Restore Constitutional Regime Through Compact of the Various Leaders.

Washington, Aug. 2.—From responsible sources definite information was obtained here concerning the plan now receiving the support and sanction of the United States government in President Wilson's effort to assist in the solution of the Mexican situation. Its main features are:

"Recognition of that member of the Madero cabinet who is entitled under the law of presidential succession to the office of president of Mexico.

"Installation of this person as provisional president of Mexico, with the support of all the leading factions of Mexico.

"Recognition of this new provisional president's government by the A. B. C. powers of South America.

"United States government to give its active moral support to the new provisional president.

"Factional leaders and the military general on the field to promise to support the provisional government proposed for the purpose of restoring the constitutional order in Mexico pending elections and the installation of a permanent president.

"Villa, Zapata and Carranza to waive all claims to executive power in Mexico and agree to an armistice.

"Villa and his supporters having already given assurances that they will support that member of Madero's cabinet who is regarded as entitled under the law of presidential succession to the office, Villa in the event of Carranza's refusal to accept such a peace plan, is to proclaim Vasquez Tagle or some other member of Madero's cabinet as provisional president.

"United States government, in such a contingency, to lay an embargo against shipment of arms to the Carranzistas or any other faction that may oppose the new provisional president by force, while permitting free shipment of arms to the forces supporting the new provisional president.

## DAY OF MOURNING IN CHICAGO

Funerary Processions Make Way Through City's Streets During Rain and Fog.

Chicago, July 30.—Wednesday was a day of general mourning in Chicago, set apart by Mayor Thompson in a proclamation as a day of public sorrow over the loss of nearly 1,500 lives on the steamer Eastland in the Chicago river last Saturday. It was observed by the closing of all city offices and scores of business houses.

In a driving rain hundreds of funeral processions made their way through the city's streets, each cortege led by the body of one of the disaster victims. Every hearse in the city of Chicago was in use. These were not sufficient, and many bodies were carried to the burying grounds in auto trucks, wagons, automobiles and carriages.

## NEGRO SLAYS BENEFACTRESS

Murphysboro (Ill.) Attorney's Wife Found With Her Head Split Open—Mob Threatens Prisoner.

Murphysboro, Ill., Aug. 2.—Mrs. James H. Martin, wife of one of the most prominent attorneys in southern Illinois, was murdered Friday afternoon with an ax. A former negro servant who was sent to the state reformatory by the Martins for a theft and who was paroled a short time ago through the efforts of Mrs. Martin, was arrested. A mob began to gather before the county jail and the sheriff hurried his prisoner out of town in an automobile to forestall a lynching.

The crime was committed in the Martin homestead, the woman being found by servants with her head split open.

## INDICT WEALTHY PROMOTER

Federal Grand Jury in Los Angeles Charges \$1,600,000 Mail Fraud Conspiracy.

Los Angeles, Aug. 2.—A secret indictment, it became known, was returned by the federal grand jury against J. K. Tennant, said to be a wealthy promoter, for alleged conspiracy to use the mails in a scheme to defraud, involving, it is said, \$1,600,000. The indictment culminates an investigation by the federal authorities.

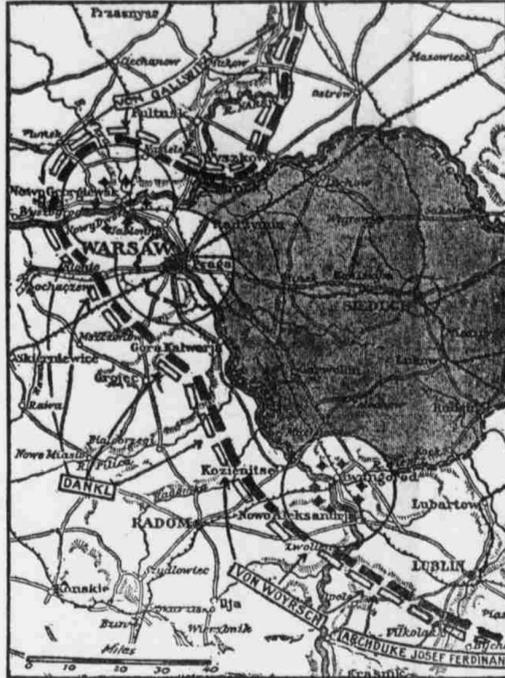
## Russia Needs Supplies.

New York, Aug. 2.—Samuel Cloushanok, a prominent Russian financier, arrived here Friday on the Russian liner Kurak to persuade American steamship men to open traffic with Russia by way of Archangel.

## French Submarines Hit Zebrugga.

London, Aug. 2.—Successful retaliatory submarine warfare by the French against the Germans is reported in dispatches from the Copenhagen Politiken, which says great damage has been done at Zebrugga.

## HOW THE TEUTONS CLOSED IN ON WARSAW



## 500 MORE BURIED BECKER DIES IN CHAIR

TRUCKS USED AS HEARSES IN THE EASTLAND FUNERAL.

Many Bodies Placed in Vaults Because Men Cannot Dig Graves Fast Enough.

Chicago, July 30.—Five hundred of the Eastland dead were buried Wednesday.

They went to the cemeteries on all the city's streets—long lines of carriages and automobiles—hearses and trucks that were used for hearses.

They were so thick on the roads to the burying grounds that one procession frequently had to wait until another went by. Undertakers were unable to get as many hearses as they needed. It was no uncommon sight to see five boxes on a motor truck—dressed in black and purple and white—big boxes and medium and small ones.

The burying took all morning and all afternoon. Many bodies were placed in vaults—for there were not men enough to dig graves for them.

The city wakened early at the tolling of bells. It was raining, and dark and cool. The undertakers arrived, the carriages or automobiles pulled up before the doors of the mourners, and soon the processions were under way to the churches, and then out to Mount Carmel, Mount Olivet, Calvary, Bohemian National, St. Adalbert and Forest Home cemeteries.

Community services were held in the Church of Mary Queen of Heaven. The crowd stood outside, heads bared to the rain. The wet came in through the chinks in the uncompleted roof; the singing of the choir girls and the chanting of the priests came out to the crowd in undiminished volume.

Bishop Paul P. Rhode preached in Polish and his eyes were wet at times and his hand shook with emotion.

## TELEGRAPHIC NOTES

Los Angeles, Cal., July 30.—The constitutionality of the California alien land ownership law was upheld by Superior Judge Lewis R. Works in a decision in which he ruled that the state alone could question the right of an alien to hold land.

Grafton, O., July 30.—Four men who were supposed to be beating their way to Cleveland were burned to death here when a Big Four freight train jumped the track near the depot and caught fire.

Pretoria, South Africa, Aug. 2.—General Muller, one of the leaders of the Boer revolt, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for treason.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 2.—A statement from the conservation department declared that "squatters" both rich and poor, soon are to be ejected from state land in the Adirondacks and elsewhere. They occupy thousands of acres. According to the statement, Robert Collier, the publisher, has been notified that he must vacate an island in Lake George, now occupied by his summer residence.

## Steel Workers Get Raise.

South Bethlehem, Pa., Aug. 3.—A voluntary increase in wages averaging about ten per cent was granted the 17,000 employees of the Bethlehem Steel company, according to the announcement of President Grace.

## Morgan Back From Cruise.

New York, Aug. 3.—Apparently fully recovered from the effects of the bullet wound inflicted by Erich Goezler, J. P. Morgan returned to Gloucester, L. I., having returned from a cruise on board his steam yacht.

## BECKER DIES IN CHAIR

FORMER POLICE LIEUTENANT PAYS PENALTY FOR PLOT.

Execution Carried Out After Every Legal Effort Had Been Extended to Save Him.

Ossining, N. Y., July 31.—Charles Becker, former police lieutenant in New York, went to his death in the electric chair in Sing Sing penitentiary shortly before six o'clock Friday morning.

He was the fifth life which the state demanded for the conspiracy which resulted in the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, who was shot down in front of the Metropole hotel in New York on July 16, 1912.

Becker had been convicted of hiring a band of thugs to do away with Rosenthal to prevent the exposure of police graft in New York city's Tenderloin.

The four gunmen who were convicted of the actual shooting—"Dago Frank," "Lefty" Louis, "Whitey" Lewis, and "Gyp the Blood"—were executed April 13, 1914.

Becker's execution was carried out only after every legal effort had been extended to save him. He was convicted in the first trial ending on October 24, 1912, and was sentenced to death, but later was granted a new trial which, however, resulted in a second conviction on May 22, 1914, and the passage of the second death sentence.

## MILITIA TO QUEL N. Y. RIOT

Aluminum Company's Employees on Strike—Sheriff Is Reported as Missing.

Malone, N. Y., Aug. 2.—Three companies of militia have been ordered to Massena, N. Y., by Governor Whitman to assume control of the situation arising from a strike among the employees of the Aluminum Company of America. Wires from Massena have been cut and it is impossible to learn what disorders have ensued which caused the governor's action. It is reported, however, that rioting has occurred between bodies of foreigners, who comprise the greater part of the working force, and that Sheriff Day of St. Lawrence, who went to the scene, is missing. Dissatisfaction over the wage schedule now in force and a feud between the labor factions are given as the cause of the strike.

## TWO SAILORS DIE IN HAITI

American Seamen Killed by Snipers—Marines Ordered to Port au Prince.

Washington, Aug. 2.—Two American seamen were killed during the fighting which followed the landing of Admiral Caperton's forces at Port au Prince, Haiti, Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced Friday.

## Lightning Kills Militiaman.

New Castle, Del., Aug. 3.—Lewis F. Wagner, a member of Company C, was struck and instantly killed by lightning during a severe storm which passed over the encampment of the Organized Militia of Delaware.

## Heavy Losses for Teutons.

Geneva, via Paris, Aug. 2.—A general Italian offensive has forced the Austrians to evacuate some of their positions with enormous losses on the Tyrol, Trentino and Carnia fronts, says the Tribune's correspondent.

## RUSS IN TEUTON TRAP

ARMIES AND LARGE AMOUNTS OF MUNITIONS SEEK ESCAPE FROM WARSAW.

## NORTHERN ROAD IS MENACED

Germans Announce Capture of 95,023 Prisoners During July—Czar's Troops Evacuate Polish Capital Says Report.

London, Aug. 3.—With the evacuation of Warsaw by its civilian population apparently completed and the retirement of the military forces actively under way, according to various dispatches received here, a close analysis of the situation is basis for the belief that hundreds of thousands of the army of Grand Duke Nicholas may be trapped in the great triangle between Ivangorod, Novo Georgievsk and Brest-Litovsk.

The latter fortress, the greatest of the great defenses of Poland, is the goal of the fleeing Russians, 115 miles east of Warsaw, and with the capture of the Lublin-Cholm railway by the Teutons there is but one line between Warsaw and Brest-Litovsk for the transportation of hundreds of thousands of men, incalculable amounts of munitions and vast quantities of supplies from the abandoned fortresses and the city of Warsaw, in which the Slavs are evidently determined to leave not so much as a brass tack which might be of use to the invaders when the city is occupied.

The German official statement says 95,023 Russians, 41 guns and 250 machine guns were captured in July between the Baltic and the Pilsa.

The official statement also announces an advance past Cholm, on the Lublin-Cholm railway, and just west of the Bug, which the Russ are expecting to make their next determined stand if Poland is evacuated.

It is apparent that all hopes of the Russians lie in the safe transportation of their armies and munitions to Brest-Litovsk.

Berlin, Aug. 2 (Wireless via Sayville).—This morning's papers announce the reduction of Lublin by the Austrian cavalry forces which definitely interrupts Russian railway communications between Warsaw, Ivangorod and Brest-Litovsk, leaving open only the direct line to Siedwez. Evidently the evacuation of Warsaw has already begun. This is confirmed by reports from Russia to England, France and neutral countries.

The Geneva Tribune publishes a dispatch from its Innsbruck correspondent that the capture of Lublin cost General Woytsch 70,000 men in killed, wounded and captured. The correspondent adds that in an advance of seven miles with seven army corps Field Marshal von Mackensen lost 35,000 men.

According to the same dispatch the Russians killed 5,000, wounded 8,000 and captured 1,300 of the Eighth German army corps south of Przasnysz.

## U. S. MAN SLAIN BY SHELL

Liner Iberian Sent to Bottom by Germans for Ignoring Signals to Stop.

London, Aug. 3.—A German submarine has sunk the Leyland line steamship Iberian, causing the death of seven persons, including an American named White, off the south coast of Ireland. A trawler rescued the 62 survivors.

The Iberian was a British steel steamer of 5,223 tons. Her commander was T. B. Jago.

Washington, Aug. 2.—An official report received from Wesley Fred American consul at Queenstown, says the Iberian was first attacked by shell fire from the German submarine for refusing to halt and was then torpedoed after the surviving members of the crew were afforded an opportunity to escape.

The Iberian was on the way to Boston from Liverpool whither she had taken a cargo of American horses and mules for military uses. It is said White lived in Boston.

## FRENCH TROOPS IN HAITI

Washington Gives Consent to Send Marines Ashore—Situation May Be Serious.

Washington, Aug. 3.—France has been given permission by the United States to land marines at Port au Prince, Haiti, for the protection of the French legation in that city, where Admiral Caperton is in control. Navy officers say the situation may be made critical for the 400 marines in Port au Prince at any moment. They estimate the population at about 60,000. There are therefore about 12,000 men capable of bearing arms in the city and suburbs.

## Miners Given Bonus.

Calumet, Mich., Aug. 3.—The Wolverine and Mohawk Copper Mining companies in paying their 1,200 employees included an extra check for five per cent of the total wages of June as a bonus.

## Germans in Turk Plants.

Constantinople, Aug. 3.—Six hundred German mechanics and munitions experts have arrived here to take charge of the shell manufacturing plants which supply the Turkish army.



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